# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3956
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2015
Fire Safety Preparedness
M. Smt. Vasanthi

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Railways has any plan to increase the scrutiny of fire safety preparedness in all express trains, railway stations and its factories;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3956 BY SHRIMATI VASANTHI M. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.12.2015 REGARDING FIRE SAFETY PREPAREDNESS

(a), (b) & (c) At all railway stations and railway factories Dry Chemical type portable fire extinguishers, sand buckets and water buckets are provided for fire fighting. On need, local government fire service personnel and other non- government/Public sector unit services are requested for fire fighting. Fire drills are conducted at regular intervals to assess the preparedness. Instructions were issued to Zonal Railways to upgrade fire safety measures at station premises as per the norms prescribed in National Building Code of India.

All the passenger trains are being provided with Dry Chemical type portable Fire Extinguishers as per Bureau of Indian Standard specifications. In passenger trains, two nos. portable fire extinguishers in each Air conditioned coaches, two nos. in each Second class luggage cum guard van type coach, four nos. in each pantry car and four nos. in each Train locomotives are being provided by all zonal railways.

A pilot project for provision of Comprehensive Fire and Smoke Detection System has been taken up in one rake of New Delhi-Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express on East Coast Railway. Besides, one LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) rake in New Delhi - Jammu Tawi Rajdhani train and one AC Double Decker rake running between Kachiguda-Tirupati/Guntur have also been provided with such a system. Based on the feedback from initial trails, Board has sanctioned for extended field trails.

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